

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-9, 11-35, 37-41, and 43-48 are currently pending. No claims are amended.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-9, 11-35, 37-41, and 43-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,144,969 to Inokuchi et al. (hereinafter, merely “Inokuchi”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,440,401 to Parulski et al. (hereinafter, merely “Parulski”).

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“A recording apparatus for recording video files and audio files on a recording medium, comprising:

classification means for classifying the block of extracted information included in each entry according to the plurality of attributes.” (Emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that Inokuchi and Parulski, taken either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or teach the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, nothing is found that teaches or discloses classification means for classifying the block of

extracted information included in each entry according to the plurality of attributes, as recited in claim 1.

The Office Action (see page 4) concedes that Inokuchi fails to disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1 and relies on Column 5, lines 50-56 of Parulski to reject classification means for classifying the block of extracted information included in each entry according to the plurality of attributes, as recited in claim 1. The cited portion of Parulski describes:

“When the montage button 210 (FIG. 1) is pressed by the user, the CD reader moves to the index file data track and reads some of the data from the index image records into memory. Depending on the number of stored images indicated by the index file 31 (FIG. 2), either a single montage, or a plurality of montage images, may be stored into memory 50. In order to produce a montage of up to four images, as diagrammatically illustrated in FIG. 7, the four 256×384 low resolution records are read into memory 50 in such a manner that the first image 401 is placed in the upper left corner, the second image 402 is placed in the upper right corner, the third image 403 is placed in the lower left corner and the fourth image 404 is placed in the lower right corner. Text generator 62 overlays the numbers of the four images in the appropriate locations. Because the data for these four images is all stored together in index image file 31 shown in FIG. 2, the montage is created much faster than if the low resolution image information had to be retrieved from the four high resolution files 32-1, 32-2, 32-3 and 32-4, since the time required by the CD reader to access these four files is four times as long as the time required to access the single index image file.” (emphasis added)

The cited portion of Parulski merely reads out index images and displaying them in one or more montages. Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in the cited portion of Parulski discloses or suggests classifying means as recited in claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claims 5, 7, 9, 11, 32-35, 36-41, 43, and 47 are also patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims, discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

CONCLUSION

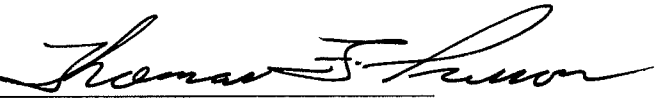
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference or references providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that claim 4 is patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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